

Charged with Perjury

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A Marine Corps crony of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald who denied having any contact with Oswald when both lived in New Orleans was charged with perjury by the DA's office in connection with presidential death probe testimony. Free lance writer Kerry W. Thornley of Tampa, Fla., was accused in a direct bill of information of lying in testimony before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Feb. 8. Thornley denied having seen Oswald at all after their Marine Corps parting in 1959.

Meanwhile heretofore recalcitrant witness Gordon Novel said in Columbus, Ohio, that he is "tired of fighting" and will voluntarily appear before the grand jury here March 7 and 8.

DA Jim Garrison contends Thornley and Novel both were connected with the federal government heer before the assassination. Novel, Garrison has claimed, worked for the CIA.

Garrison last week issued a statement denouncing U.S. Attorney Gen. Ramsey Clark who had belittled the Garrison probe in a televised interview. And in a TV interview with a Dutch TV reporter, the DA was quoted as saying "the next U.S. president who tries to put the brakes on the war machine will also be slain." Another quote attributed to the DA was that President Kennedy was killed by "elements" of the CIA, and the organization then tried to cast suspicion on others.



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